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REMARKS

In the Office Action of March 14, 2003, claims 1-4 and 7-15 were allowed. Claims 5 and 6 were objected to under 37 CFR §1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to proper form such that they are now believed allowable. Claim 5 has been amended to proper independent form. Claim 6 depends from amended independent claim 5.

By the present amendment, non-elected claims 16-20 have been cancelled such that claims 1-15 remain in the patent application

This application is now believed in condition for allowance with claims 1-15. Passage as such is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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